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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 2007.

Applicant elects the invention of Group I, identified as claims 1-2 and 9-12 drawn to a sterilization apparatus, classified in class 422, subclasses 295, 297-299 and 307; class 34, subclasses 406, 411, 413 and 552; and class 137, subclasses 238 and 241.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If this communication is filed after the statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Respectfully submitted,

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